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SENATOR ERDMAN: Senator Chambers, the amendment that's before us requires reporting, both by the Department of Health and Human Services, I believe, and the Department of Revenue. Is that accurate?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Tax Commissioner.

SENATOR ERDMAN: I'm sorry. Tax Commissioner, yeah.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Maybe it's the same thing. I just want to state what is in the amendment, since I read it into the record.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Do we know...just...this is a, I guess, technical question. Do we know if this...if the cost of this...I mean, is this information readily available? It's just a matter of putting the information from two different entities into one report, or do you...have you researched any of that to know?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, I haven't researched it, but I don't believe it would be too difficult for them to get the information. And if we adopt the amendment, they'll be on notice and they can let us know of any difficulty. And I will tell you this, Senator Erdman. If it would pose an impractical problem, then I would not be opposed to taking this amendment off. This is not designed to cripple the bill, but I believe this information is readily available, and I don't mean by that that they just go to one person and say, tell me all of this in 15 minutes. I mean by doing the kind of work that is done by any agency when we say they are to give us information to be used for legislative purposes. So the mere fact that it could be somewhat difficult or take a little time would not equate to what I mean by the term "impractical."

SENATOR ERDMAN: Sure. I understand that. My only concern is that we would adopt an amendment that we would then have questions with, and my preference to you would be to work on this issue and then decide whether or not we should go forward with it, and I would be willing to work with you to do that, whether it's at a later date, today, or whether it's, if the bill would move forward, on Select File. My concern is adopting